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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNAVOIDABLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF
MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378(b))**

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LJO-21

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Patent Number: 6,139,583

Application Number: 09/096,611

Issue Date: 10/31/2000

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1. SMALL ENTITY

☒ Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

☐ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

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MAINTENANCE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 1,240

4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) of \$ 700 (Fee Code 1557) must be paid as a condition of accepting unavoidably delayed payment of the maintenance fee.SURCHARGE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 700

5. MANNER OF PAYMENT

- ☒ Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$ 1,940
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ the sum of \$ _____
- ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

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- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any maintenance fee, surcharge or petition fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 504352

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8. SHOWING

The enclosed statement will show that the delay in timely payment of the maintenance fee was unavoidable since reasonable care was taken to ensure that the maintenance fee would be paid timely and that this petition is being filed promptly after the patentee was notified of, or otherwise became aware of, the expiration of the patent. The statement must enumerate the steps taken to ensure timely payment of the maintenance fee, the date and the manner in which the patentee became aware of the expiration of the patent, and the steps taken to file the petition promptly.

9. PETITIONER(S) REQUESTS THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED.



Signature(s) of Petitioner(s)

12/21/2010

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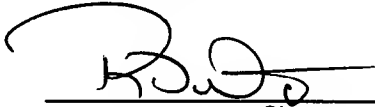
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ENCLOSURES:

- ☒ Maintenance Fee Payment
☒ Statement why maintenance fee was not paid timely
☒ Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)
☒ Other: Postcard

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37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."



Signature

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Date

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STATEMENT

(In the space below, please provide the showing of unavoidable delay recited in paragraph 8 above.)

Please see attached declaration

(Please attach additional sheets if additional space is needed)



Patent
Attorney Docket No: LJO-21

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
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Lanny L. Johnson)
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Patent Number: 6,139,583)
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Filed: 6/12/1998)
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For: FEMORAL PROSTHESIS)
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**Declaration in Support of Petition to Accept Unavoidably Delayed Payment of
Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent**

1. I, the undersigned, am the Assignee of the entire right, title and interest of US Patent Serial No. 6,139,583 (the '583 Patent) as demonstrated on the attached statement under 37 CFR § 3.73(b).

2. To ensure the '583 Patent remained in force throughout its term I appointed registered patent attorney Mr. W.D Swayze, Jr. Reg. No. 34478 (Attorney Swayze) on or about 6/14/2006 as the attorney of record and as the official correspondence address for the '583 Patent.

3. I have always intended for the '583 Patent to remain valid through payment of any USPTO maintenance fees deemed necessary.

4. I was not notified by Attorney Swayze that a maintenance fee was due between 10/31/2007 and 05/01/2008.

5. I was not notified by Attorney Swayze of the expiration of the '583 Patent.
6. I was not directly notified by the USPTO of the expiration of the '583 Patent.
7. On December 16, 2010 I assembled and provided a listing of issued U.S. Patents, of which I am the Assignee, to registered patent attorney, Mr. Raymond Wagenknecht, Reg. No. 50948 (Attorney Wagenknecht) by electronic mail (email). The '583 Patent was provided in this listing.
8. At the time of providing the above listing to Attorney Wagenknecht, I believed the '583 Patent to be in force.
9. Upon Attorney Wagenknecht's suggestion by return email, I requested the status of each patent provided in the listing to be verified with USPTO records.
10. I was notified and first learned of the expiration of the '583 Patent due to nonpayment of a maintenance fee on December 16, 2010 by Attorney Wagenknecht's report.
11. Within 24 hours of being notified of the expiration of the '583 Patent I requested Attorney Wagenknecht act as attorney of record for the '583 Patent and prepare a petition to accept an unavoidably delayed payment of maintenance fee for the '583 Patent.
12. I believe I acted reasonably to ensure all maintenance fees would be paid timely by designating a registered patent attorney to serve as my agent for notification of any such due dates, and I believe I have acted promptly after receiving my first actual notice of the expiration of the '583 Patent to ensure payment of all fees necessary and to pursue the accompanying petition.
13. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with

the knowledge that willful false statements so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the '583 Patent or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

12-17-2010
Date

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